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1. The following air activity and aircraft were observed at Jueterbog airfield between 6 and 18 August 1955: 25X1

6 August. There was no air activity. Two groups each of 4 MiG-15s, U-MiG-15s or MiG-17s were observed in front of the hangars.

10 August. About 60 jet fighters including about 45 MiG-17s, 15 MiG-15s, and 4 Il-28s were seen on the field. 25X1

11 August. At about 1700, 7 MiG-15s, U-MiG-15s or MiG-17s took off. They were not seen landing until 1900. After the take-off and for about 30 minutes, 10 to 12 red lamps along the runway flashed for about 30 seconds and at intervals of 30 seconds. A red lamp was always lit in the eastern flying lane.

12 August. Between 1100 and 1600, there was intensive air activity by MiG-17s which flew individually and in elements of two with about 20 aircraft remaining aloft at the same time.

15 August. At 0515, 2 MiG-15s, U-MiG-15s or MiG-17s were parked in front of the hangars and 4 additional jet fighters at the eastern end of the runway. 25X1

16 August. At about 1500, 2 MiG-17s flew in the vicinity of the field over the clouds for about 20 minutes. A total of 52 MiG-15s, U-MiG-15s or MiG-17s and 3 or 4 Il-28s were counted at the field.

17 August. At 1700, 4 MiG-15s, U-MiG-15s or MiG-17s were parked at the eastern end of the runway and 2 jet fighters at the test stand.

18 August. Swept-back jet fighters practiced flying individually and in formations of two, three and four. The MiG-17s apparently flew at a higher speed than the MiG-15s. 1 25X1
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2. A single-mast radio installation was still located about 800 meters east of the airfield. Another single-mast radio installation, an installation with 4 masts, a set with an umbrella-type antenna, a single-mast decimeter set and 2 radio trucks were observed in the area of the Jueterbog bath. North of the

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hangars was a Kniferest-type radar set and a two-mast radio installation, the masts of which were 50 meters high, 80 to 100 meters apart and interconnected by at least 3 antenna wires. South of Altes Lager railroad station was a tower, about 40 meters high, with 2 fourcornered funnels on the platform. The funnels pointed in various directions. ³

3. On 6, 11, 15 and 16 August, 6 x 37-mm AA guns were emplaced at the eastern end of the runway.
4. Around 10 August, 6 aircraft crates of the old type and 7 such crates left the airfield for Seelow railroad station. The crates bore inscriptions which could not be identified. ⁴
5. Between 0800 and 1600 on 16 August, 3 Po-2s from Jueterbog - Damm airfield flew toward Luckenwalde from where firing by heavy artillery was heard. The aircraft were aloft for 15 to 30 minutes. Single-engine aircraft flying individually were continuously observed over the artillery firing range at altitudes between 500 and 600 meters. The biplanes flew at about 150 meters. A single-mast radio installation with 5 guy wires was observed in the middle of the airfield. Two radio trucks were parked next to the mast. Sedan [] 25X1
[] occupied by artillery officers moved toward the installation. At 25X1
0713 on 19 August, 3 biplanes were observed at Jueterbog airfield.
6. At 1545 on 16 August, 30 MiG-15s, U-MiG-15s or MiG-17s flying in squadron wedge 25X1
formation at an altitude of about 400 meters crossed over Potsdam, coming from the direction of Werder and proceeding toward Doeberitz.
7. Every day between 22 and 28 August, except on 25 August, it was observed from Klein Marzahn near Niemegk that MiG-15s, U-MiG-15s or MiG-17s were aloft mostly flying to or coming from Jueterbog. The aircraft mostly flew in formations of two and four. A total of 60 to 80 jet fighters were counted every day. On 24 August, the aircraft dropped devices which developed smoke on the ground. Such a smoke filler which was found on the ground consisted of a 25-cm long pasteboard cylinder 3 cm in diameter with walls 1.5 cm thick. Cardboard lids were pressed in at both ends. Each of these lids had a large and small hole which were singed. Black, apparently burned powder, was in the inside. Such smoke fillers were repeatedly found on the site by local residents. ⁵
8. The following observations were made in the Jueterbog - Luckenwalde air space:
Between 1800 and 1825 on 22 August, 17 MiG-15s, U-MiG-15s or MiG-17s climbed in the Jueterbog - Luckenwalde area and assembled in flight formations. At the same time, 3 flights of Il-28s and 4 flights of twin-engine propeller-driven aircraft approached from the southwest and made several local flights at an altitude of between 2,000 and 2,500 meters. The swept-back jet fighters continuously circled around the two formations at a slightly higher altitude. After 10 to 15 minutes, the bomber formations headed northeast while the jet fighters still circled around them. After about 5 minutes, detonations were heard in rapid succession from the direction of Kummerdorf for about 10 minutes. ⁶

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1. Comment. [redacted] the MiG-17s had a higher landing speed and required a longer landing space than the MiG-15s. 25X1
2. Comment. Aircraft [redacted] has previously been observed in Jueterbog. 25X1
3. Comment. The four-cornered funnels belong to a decimeter relay station.
4. Comment. Seelow which is 20 km southwest of Kuestrin is located near 2 secondary railroad lines. The fact that aircraft crates were dispatched to Seelow cannot be explained. 25X1
5. Comment. The smoke fillers are reported for the first time. Bombs were dropped in this area during army maneuvers. 25X1
6. Comment. The aircraft presumably held a simulated war exercise with bombing attack under fighter escort. ^{UNCLASSIFIED} The observation of twin-engine propeller-driven aircraft appears to be wrong. 25X1

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